

**Conservation Security Program
Initial Questionnaire
Colorado NRCS**

You could potentially be eligible to participate in the new Conservation Security Program (CSP) if you can answer “yes” to the following questions that apply to your agricultural operation.

1. Are you in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions of the Farm Bill?
2. Do you have cropland, hayland, rangeland, pastureland, vineyards and/or orchards that you wish to enroll in Conservation Security Program (CSP)?
3. Do you own or have control of the land you intend to enroll in CSP for the length of the proposed 5 to 10 year contract period?
4. Do you share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock on this farm?
5. Do you manage your nutrient usage and have records showing soil tests at least once in the past five years for the acreage where fertilizers or livestock waste have been applied and you wish to enroll in CSP?
6. Are crop and pasture fields free of active gullies?
7. Do you have at least two years of records of your pest management methods and applications for the acres you wish to enroll?
8. Do you have two years of records for your grazing management system, including:
 - number and class of livestock, including size or weight?
 - number and sizes of pastures?
 - grazing period, days in pasture?
 - location of watering facilities?
 - location of salt and mineral blocks?
9. Do you manage livestock access to streams, creeks, etc.?

If you have answered “yes” to all of these questions, you may wish to consider attending CSP information meetings to learn more about the opportunities you may have in CSP. You may also want to check out information on the web:

<http://www.co.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CSP/CSP.html>

Note: Portions of your farm or operation currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program or Grassland Reserve Program are not eligible for enrollment in the CSP Program.